

CALLING UP CLOSURE
TO PASS THE FORCE BILL.

Republican Senators Secure a Quorum and Determine to Carry Their Measures at All Hazards.

COUNTING THEIR SUPPORTERS.

Long Debate in the Senate Preventing a
Vote on the Elections Measure
for Another Day.

FILIBUSTERING IN THE HOUSE

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Senator Aldrich will call up the closure at one o'clock to-morrow. He had repeated conversations to-day with Vice President MORRIS regarding the republican plan of action, and Speaker Reed has also been consulted as to the proper course to

enough of their party present to make a quorum in case the democrats decline to vote. The four republican absentees, Squire, Moody, Pettigrew and Pierce, will return to the city before the close of the week, to be in readiness in case they are wanted.

ing the closure, if they succeed the vote will be passed within twenty-four hours. The democrats believe, on the other hand, that a quorum cannot be secured to pass the closure. Like the republicans, they, too, have their plan of campaign, but they are not announcing it in advance.

will be a voice abandoned and no further effort will be made to resurrect it at this session. All interest now centres in the Vice President. He holds the key to the situation unless he vacates the chair during the debate, which he is not likely to do.

tended to him by his republican colleagues were more than ordinarily hearty, for the reason that his return to the city from New Hampshire was necessary to make up the long expected republican quorum. The republicans now have forty-five Senators in Washington, assuming that none have left this city since October, which is just a quorum.

Washington 6-day, and it is said that Senator Chandler will also be present within a short time. The fate of the closure resolution and of the Elections bill itself, according to the managers of the bill is involved in the attendance of these Senators, who may have to make good a possible defection of at least two republican Senators who have openly

After a statement of the action of several States on the subject of negro suffrage (after it had been imposed on the South) Mr. George remarked that in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Wisconsin the question had been submitted to the people and had been re-

the Southern States, where there were ten, twenty or a hundred negroes for every negro in the Northern States.

Mr. George proceeded with his argument, quoting from the views of distinguished republicans in the reconstruction period as to the incapacity of negroes to exercise the right of suffrage, and insisting upon it that negro suffrage was imposed

Mr. Hawley—Then, please let them vote for members of Congress. That has nothing to do with

gress and vote peaceably. In the very district in which these counties (all but one) are situated there has been a contest going on in the House, and it has been given out to all the newspapers that the Republican Committee on Elections could find no ground on which to make a report adverse to the sitting member, who is a democrat.

Mr. Hawley—Then it is settled that in several

Mr. Walther.—If that be the condition it ought not to be disturbed, and there is no necessity for a Force bill. (Applause in the galleries.)

Mr. Hawley.—There is some doubt whether the colored vote is to be free in the South.

After having spoken five hours Mr. George yielded the floor without having concluded his speech, and the Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

The intention of the democrats of the House to resort to obstructive tactics until a determination of the Senate on the Elections bill should be reached was manifested this morning, when Mr. Bland, of Missouri, demanded the reading of the journal of Saturday's proceedings in full, instead of in its abbreviated form. Mr. Springer led the debate on his approval.

The whole purpose of the filibustering tactics was that it should be impossible, if the Senate should pass the Elections bill, to pass that bill through the House.

Mr. Flower, of New York—We accept that issue and stand upon it. (Democratic applause.)

Mr. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, inquired what remedy the minority had if the right of debate

The Speaker having laid before the House the Senate bill for the relief of Sarah E. E. Perine, widow of William Perine (for claims growing out of the construction of the monitor Naubuc and the

AN EXTRA SESSION POSSIBLE.

Between the waste of time over the Force bill and Silver bill an extra session seems most probable. Several of the minor Appropriation bills have passed the House, but there are nearly a dozen yet to come, and there is little likelihood that after they shall have dragged their slow length through the House many of their number will pass.

dition that he is doing what he can to bring about an extra session. The republicans have made but a sorry record during the present Congress, and some republican leaders are anxious for the democrats to come into power as speedily as possible in order that the responsibility for legislation may be divided between the two parties.

The dispatch from Tacoma, Wash., printed in the HERALD this morning, exposing the alleged effort of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company to obtain some \$20,000,000 worth of lands from the Puyallup Indians under a "scheme" they are said to be trying to work, created considerable comment among the members of the Executive committee.

representative Holman, of Indiana, who was chairman of the Committee on Public Lands in the Fiftyth Congress and who is one of the ablest land lawyers in the House, said:—"No attempt to steal these lands will ever be approved by Congress, and it will require Congressional action for the railroad

"The point under which the railroad expects to carry its claim for the lands is not tenable. The railroad claims the lands were not part of the reservation at the time the railroad got its grant from the government."

of these lands being grabbed by the railroad, inasmuch as the matter will have to be brought to

good conduct military prisoners upon each sentence to confinement for over six months.